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Applicant: Yoshihiro Kamimura et al.  
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Docket No.: 36080

RESPONSE AND ELECTION  
(In response to Paper No. 20050601)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office action dated June 7, 2005. The one month period for responding to the Office action expired on July 7, 2005. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests and petitions that the response date be extended for one month, up to and including August 7, 2005. The \$120.00 extension of time fee is enclosed.

2) The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits. Applicant hereby elects to proceed with Invention I, claim 9 without traverse.

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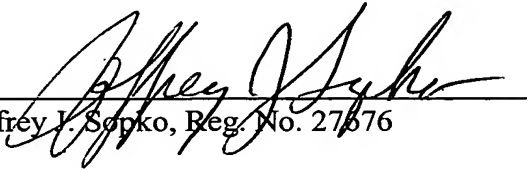
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